GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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IOC DEPOT AT SATNA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation is considering to set up a new depot at Satna, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether work at the said depot has been stopped;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of the said depot?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d): Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) do not propose to set up a new depot at Satna. IOCL had earlier acquired a piece of land at Bagha, near Satna, from the State Government for constructing an LPG Bottling Plant. However, this proposal was dropped in 1998 because of economic reasons. Since the acquired land was available, it was proposed at one stage to construct a new depot, on an industry basis at this site and to shift the operations of the existing Satna depot to the new depot. However, this proposal was also dropped in the year 2002 as it was not found viable and economical. IOCL have approached the State Government to surrender this piece of land.

The existing depot at Satna is operational. Since it is very old and does not meet the safety requirements and Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) norms, IOC plan to close down operations of this depot and shift to three other supply depots namely Bhitoni (Jabalpur), Nariaoli (Sagar) and Jayant.